

WAR DEPARTMENT
U. S. ARMY AIR FORCES
REPORT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT

ACCIDENT No. 30

13-6-9-26
013

(1) Place Freeman Army Air Field (2) Date June 9, 1943 (3) Time 1340 Z
AIRCRAFT: (4) Type and model AT-10 RB (5) A. F. No. 41-26925 (6) Station Freeman Field
Organization: (7) AAFSETC (8) AF (9) 1079th TEFTS
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron)

PERSONNEL

DUTY (10)	NAME (Last name first) (11)	RATING (12)	SERIAL NO. (13)	RANK (14)	PERSONNEL CLASS (15)	BRANCH (16)	AIR FORCE OR COMMAND (17)	RESULT TO PERSONNEL (18)	USE OF PARACHUTE (19)
31 SP	Kraus, Eugene J.	SP	13068196	A/C	52	A.C.	AAFSETC	None	No
32 SC	Moorefield, Harold D.	P.O.	789737	1st Lt.	01	A.C.	AAFSETC	None	No

JUN 14 43 PM



RECEIVED
MR. AAF, DIRECTOR
OF FLYING SAFETY

PILOT CHARGED WITH ACCIDENT

(20) Kraus, Eugene J. (21) 13068196 (22) A/C (23) 52 (24) A.C.
(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Serial number) (Rank) (Personnel class) (Branch)
Assigned (25) AAFSETC (26) AF (27) 1079th TEFTS (28) Freeman Field
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Attached for flying (29) AAFSETC (30) AF (31) 1079th TEFTS (32) Freeman Field
(Command and Air Force) (Group) (Squadron) (Station)
Original rating (33) SP (34) 1943 Present rating (35) SP (36) 1943 Instrument rating (37) 5173
(Rating) (Date) (Rating) (Date) (Date)

FIRST PILOT HOURS:

(at the time of this accident)

(38) This type 3.2 (42) Instrument time last 6 months Not involved
(39) This model 3.2 (43) Instrument time last 30 days Not involved
(40) Last 90 days 54.5 (44) Night time last 6 months Not involved
(41) Total 135.9 (45) Night time last 30 days Not involved

AIRCRAFT DAMAGE

DAMAGE	(46) LIST OF DAMAGED PARTS
(46) Aircraft <u>M 3</u>	
(47) Engine(s) <u>M 4 M 4</u>	See attached list.
(48) Propeller(s) <u>M 4 M 4</u>	

(50) Weather at the time of accident Scattered clouds at 3500 feet. Visibility 4 miles. Wind Northeast at 5 miles per hour. 8-9

(51) Was the pilot flying on instruments at the time of accident No
(52) Cleared from Freeman (53) To Local (54) Kind of clearance Contact

(55) Pilot's mission Training flight.

(56) Nature of accident Taxiing. NO SM UN
08 70 30

(57) Cause of accident Pilot error with mechanical error.
100% Pilot Error - Carelessness 05 34 12

DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT

(Brief narrative of accident. Include statement of responsibility and recommendations for action to prevent repetition)

A/C Kraus, E. J., Student Pilot and Co-Pilot Instructor, 1st Lt. Moorefield, H. D., had landed in AT-10 BH, Air Force Number 41-26925 and were taxiing from the East runway to the Northeast runway for a new take-off. Student Pilot A/C Kraus, E. J., in making his cockpit check for take-off lifted the landing gear instead of the flaps. Improper functioning of the safety switch on the landing gear caused the wheels to retract letting airplane settle down on the runway.

Major damage to propellers, damage to lower engine nacelles, tips of both flaps and pitot mast.

Pilot error and mechanical failure due to improper maintenance and field conditions were equally responsible for the above accident.

More rigid cockpit checks will be enforced and instructions in proper maintenance of landing gear will be issued.

Signature

Robert J. Du Chain
(Investigating Officer)

ROBERT J. DU CHAINE

Captain, Air Corps

Aircraft Accident Officer

Date